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EXECUTIVE ORDER 06-14

ECRETARY OF STATE

WHEREAS, I have been advised by the Director of the State Emergency Management Agency that several severe storm systems causing damages associated with tornados, high winds, hail, and flooding have impacted communities across the State of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, there has been loss of life in Stoddard, Pemiscot and St. Louis Counties, 60 percent of Caruthersville was damaged with more than 25 injuries directly attributed to the storm system; and

WHEREAS, damage to the affected areas and loss of property and interruption of public services have occurred as a result of the severe weather beginning April 2, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the severe weather that began on April 2, 2006 and continues, has created a condition of distress and hazard to the safety, welfare, and property of the citizens of the State of Missouri beyond the capabilities of some local and other established agencies; and

WHEREAS, protection of the safety and welfare of the citizens of the affected communities require an invocation of the provisions of Sections 44.100 and 44.110, RSMo.

NOW, THEREFORE, I MATT BLUNT, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Missouri, including Sections 44.100 and 44.110, RSMo, do hereby declare that a State of Emergency exists in the State of Missouri. I do hereby direct that the Missouri State Emergency Operations Plan be activated.

I further authorize the use of State agencies to provide support to the affected areas, as needed.

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This order shall terminate on May 03, 2006, unless extended in whole or in part.

Matt Blunt

Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri in the City of Jefferson on this 3rd day of April,

ATTEST:

Robin Carnahan Secretary of State